

# Exteriors

*The Bartlett Brainard Products Newsletter*



Welcome to the Spring issue of *Exteriors!*

Spring is finally here! It's time to clean up after the winter storms and start your spring home projects. Let us help you with our seasonal task list, and for a limited time we are offering a free exterior analysis of our customer's homes - see below for more details.

We are pleased to announce that Marvin Windows and Doors have been added to our list of products. Marvin now produces an Ultrex® replacement window with wood interior. Read more about these "state-of-the-art" fiberglass and wood windows on page 2.

If you have any specific information requests, please call us at 860-233-4475. We are here to help you bring out the best in your home, with Quality You Can Trust!

*Catherine Y. Davis*

President

4/14

## *Free Exterior Analysis*



This harsh winter caused serious damage to the exterior of some homes. For a limited time, we are offering our customers a **free 8-Point Analysis** of your home's exterior. No sales pitch - just an examination of possible troubled areas such as wood rot, gutters and roof issues. See the scope of this analysis on our website at this link:

[bartlettbrainard.com/promotions\\_exterioranalysis.htm](http://bartlettbrainard.com/promotions_exterioranalysis.htm)



## HOMEOWNER CHECKLIST FOR THE SPRING:

- Turn on outdoor faucets and check for leaks. Replace washers if needed.
- With binoculars, inspect roof for missing, loose or damaged shingles. Check attic ceiling for water marks.
- Examine siding, shingles, trim, fascia and soffits for damage: paint flaking, looseness, rot, warping and leakage.
- Check caulking and look for decay around doors, windows, corner boards and joints. Recaulk where needed.
- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected.
- Clean exhaust vents to outside, especially the dryer vent.
- Clear out gutters. Don't forget to run the hose through the downspouts!
- Inspect exterior drainage. Make sure landscape is graded away from house and that the bottoms of gutter downspouts direct rainfall away from house.
- Remove plant debris from window wells.
- Repair torn window and door screens.
- Wash windows (on a cloudy day) and screens. Look for seal failures and ensure that weepholes are clear.
- Clean sliding door tracks (use an old toothbrush).
- Wash deck/patio to remove grime, pollen, fungus and mildew. If needed, apply stain.
- Replace burned-out light bulbs on outside light fixtures.
- Test garage door auto reverse element.
- Tighten loose handles, knobs and racks.
- Set up your barbeque at least 10' from your siding.
- Test sump pump.
- Store your shovels and scrapers and bring out your garden tools!

## Screening Options

Bartlett Brainard offers four types of replacement screening. Typical screening for storm doors and windows can be: 1) **metal** (easy to see through but oxidizes) or 2) **fiberglass** (doesn't oxidize, easy to clean, but darker appearance).

### For super strong screening:

**Paw Proof®** is a super tough vinyl-coated polyester woven screen. It will keep your dogs inside, and your screens from tearing.



**Tiger Wire** is woven screen of .023 gauge Stainless Steel wires with a tough powder coat finish. It can handle 250 pounds per square foot.



**It is so strong that it is code compliant for a 2nd story screen porch!**

## Facebook

Visit our Facebook page for interesting and inspiring photos and ideas. If you "Like" our page, we will keep you updated on our promotions and share timely home maintenance tips. We also post industry trends and newly completed projects around town.



If you have recently purchased from us, consider writing a review on Google Places, Angie's List or another online Review Page



## Marvin Windows and Doors



Bartlett Brainard Products has added Marvin Windows and Doors to our list of window and door manufacturers. Marvin's *Integrity* brand is available in two series that feature either all fiberglass construction or real wood interiors. Marvin's fiberglass, Ultrex®, is a highly durable, state-of-the-art protruded fiberglass material that significantly outperforms vinyl and roll-form aluminum.

- Provides superior strength, heat, UV and corrosion resistance .
- Has less expansion and contraction keeping windows square and tightly sealed (Seal failures are rare.)
- Takes less energy to manufacture than vinyl and is made from silica sand, a safe and renewable resource.

The Integrity windows and doors offer:

- Several high performance LoE glazing options to meet ENERGY STAR qualifications in any climate.
- An abundance of standard sizes or select a custom size unit to within 1/64"
- Extensive offering of extruded aluminum exterior clad colors, each with a durable protective finish that resists fading and chalking.
- Fully integrated shades appear seamlessly as a part of the window or door.
- An array of high-quality standard and specialty wood options.
- Elegant window and door hardware available in a number of styles and finish options.
- Specialty glass options to bring a unique touch to your home, or to add privacy while still allowing light into a room.
- Superior energy efficiency and glass performance options.

## Cathy's Referral

The Home Design District of West Hartford is located in the New Park Avenue area and comprises more than 13 independent businesses. From roofing, siding and flooring to wall covering, bathrooms and kitchens, the district members are all located within one square mile making it easy to research and shop for your home projects. Visit them online at [HomeDesignDistrict.com](http://HomeDesignDistrict.com) or visit their Facebook Page for ideas and information.



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Nothing says Summer like a screen porch!  
This Farmington homeowner was tired of the high maintenance of wood screen sections. The remodeled porch looks modern and light, complementing their home's siding and trim.



*Cathy,  
Cal, Conrad, Dorek,  
Emery, Jim, Jolus,  
Mary, Neil, Yvon*

*Best Wishes for a Happy Spring!*



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